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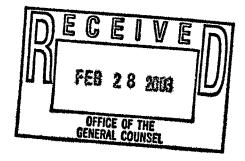
No. 02-1033

September Term, 2002

Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., Represented Program Suppliers, Petitioner

v.

Register of Copyrights and Librarian of Congress, Respondents



Independent Producers Group, et al., Intervenors

Consolidated with 02-1040

### **STATUS REPORT**

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- 2. IPG has yet to provide MPAA or the mediator with the requested documentation, despite repeated requests.

3. In addition, counsel for IPG recently filed a motion seeking to withdraw as counsel of record. The withdrawal of IPG's long-standing counsel will undoubtedly delay further discussions and negotiations aimed at a global resolution.

4. Despite the apparent failure of a global settlement, MPAA believes that further mediation

and discussions regarding the matters at issue between MPAA and the Register of

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alleviate the need for certain issues to be considered on appeal.

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a period of time, MPAA requests that the briefing schedule be reissued with Petitioners

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and if significant progress is made toward resolution of the appeal, MPAA will promptly

inform the court.

Respectfully submitted,

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